

Specification Amendments

Please amend paragraphs [0026], [0028-0031], and [0033-0034] as follows:

[0026] FIG. 2 is a sectional view of a guide unit taken along ~~lines A-A~~ lines 2-2 of FIG. 1;

[0028] FIG. 4 is a cross sectional view of the multi-blade cartridge taken along ~~lines B-B~~ lines 4-4 of FIG. 3; and

[0029] FIG. 5 is a sectional view of a protective member provided on a guard bar of the multi-blade cartridge taken along ~~lines C-C~~ lines 5-5 of FIG. 1.

[0030] Referring to FIGS. 1,2,3 and 4, a multi-blade cartridge 10, including two or more blades, is attached to a handle 11 and is assembled of a seat 12, a cap 14, a pair of seat 16 and cap 18 blades. The seat blade 16 having a leading cutting edge 28 and the cap blade 18 ~~blade~~-provided with a trailing cutting edge 30, which is spaced rearward from the leading cutting edge 28, are spaced apart and define space therebetween. As skin flows from a shave plane A-A (FIG. 4), which is tangent to the seat 12 and the cap 14, it tends to project over this plane and penetrate into the space between the seat blade 16 and the cap ~~blade~~blade 18. The portion of skin protruding between the blades 16 and 18 may get nicked or cut. To minimize the extent of penetration, the multi-blade razor cartridge 10 has a guide unit 48 (FIGS. 2 and 4) for controlling skin flow, which guide unit is mounted between the blades 16 and 18 ~~blades~~-to at least partially fill the space between these blades

[0031] Referring specifically to FIG. 2 showing a section of the guide unit 48, which is taken along ~~lines H-H~~ lines 2-2 of FIG. 1, the guide ~~unit 19~~ unit 48 includes a spacer 20 and a plurality of spaced apart fingers 22 extending from the spacer 20. The fingers 22 can have various shapes and sizes and can be, ~~at least at least partially, retracted~~ be at least partially retracted under the cap blade 18 to allow contact between the skin and the following cutting edge 30 of the cap

blade. Preferably, each finger 22 has opposite sides 17 converging toward one another to form a respective pointed tip 23.

[0033] A specific number of the fingers 22 as well as a distance, at which adjacent fingers can be spaced apart, varies. An initial position of the front segment 42 of the spacer 20 is selected so that the tips 23 of the fingers 22 are spaced rearward from the leading cutting edge 28 of the seat blade 16 to allow skin to flow beyond the shave plane A-A. If the front segment 42 is spaced far away from the shave plane, the skin flows deeply into space before it contacts the fingers 22 and may cause discomfort to the user. To avoid it, the user can control skin flow by applying a force as indicated by arrow B (FIG. 1) to an actuator 60 displacing the front segment 42 of the spacer 20 toward the shave plane A-A. A desired working position of the spacer 20 will be reached when the user feels comfortable. In the desired working position, the tips 23 of the fingers 22 can extend toward and beyond the shave plane A-A without substantially ~~affecting a shaving~~ affecting shaving contact between the skin and the following cutting edge 30 of the cap blade 18. Indeed, a substantial amount of skin defined between the spaced apart fingers 22 will flow beyond the shave plane A-A and create an acceptable level of shaving contact.

[0034] To remove shaving debris from the space defined between the following cutting edge 30 of the cap blade 18 and the front edge 46 of the spacer 20, the user applies the force B sufficient to displace the front edge 46 beyond the shave plane A-A. As the front edge 46 moves toward and beyond the shave plane A-A, it dislodges the shaving debris outward from the space formed between the blades 16, 18, which displaced debris can be later washed away.

Drawing Amendments

Applicants respectfully submit two (2) sheets of red-line corrected drawings showing the changes made in FIGS. 1-4 in order to correct minor informalities.